



News and Events in the 5th Grade
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Important Dates

Sept. 30	The Windy Tall Ship Field Trip
Oct. 7	Novel to Picture Book - Book Report Due
Oct. 7	Personal Narrative Writing Assignment Due

Dear Families,

This Friday is our Windy Tall Ship field trip. All students must bring a sack lunch on Friday. Please make sure your student dresses warmly as it will be very chilly on the water. Permissions slips and the field trip fee (\$15 in cash) are due **tomorrow**.

Reading Olympics is underway. See the Library section below for details. Reading Olympics is open to all 5th graders and we encourage all to participate.

Art

The Art Room blog is back! Please check out www.owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com. Here you can see what your student is learning about in Art, and see our artwork as well.

Music

We will be starting recorders Wednesday, September 29th. Recorders will be stored in the music room during the school year. If you are new or have lost your recorder, they are 5 dollars cash or check to District 97. Music link: <https://sites.google.com/a/op97.org/holmes-music/>

Spanish

Students are off to a great start this year! We started the year reviewing, but have moved on to stories. Their current story, *La Montaña Hamburguesa*, is posted on my blog. Students can read the story to someone for 10 puntos! www.mpoleski.blogspot.com/p/quintofifth.html

Library

This past week kicked off the start of our Reading Olympics program. Reading Olympics is a voluntary program open to all fifth grade students. We started the event with booktalks (short teasers for each book). Permission forms were given to all students interested in participating, and should be turned in to the library by Friday, September 30. More information can be found on the Holmes Library page on our school website, <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/>.

Physical Education

Please see Mr. Williams' link (www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com) for information.



Reading/Literature

Unit Title/Theme

Taking a Stand

Enduring Understanding

Sometimes conditions or situations in life force people to take action.

Essential Question

What makes people take action?

Word Study Skill

Morphology

Word Parts/Inflectional Endings (ed, ing, er, est, s)

Comprehension Skill

Main Idea and Details

Summarizing

Language Arts/Writing

Writing Assignment: Personal Narratives: write about one specific experience that changed how you acted, thought, or felt. We will continue to work on publishing our personal narratives in class. Also, Mr. Kittlaus (our technology integrationist) will come into our classroom on Thursday to show students how to utilize GoogleDoc. Students will use GoogleDocs in the future to collaborate on projects in writing, as well as other subject areas.

Grammar Focus: Students will practice forming compound sentences using conjunctions and correct punctuation. We will review how to use semicolons.

Math

Graded quizzes were returned to students today. Last week, we reviewed the Trade-First and Partial Differences algorithms for subtraction. If you are unfamiliar with these subtraction methods, there are good explanations in the Student Reference Book and on the 5th grade wiki. This week we will continue to work with subtraction and apply our computation methods to number stories. We will have a quiz on Friday covering addition and subtraction of whole numbers and decimals.

Science

Last Friday was our first Green Friday and students got hands on experience with recycling, composting and vermicomposting. This week, students will complete the in-class Infamous Air Pollutant project by participating in a mock press conference. We are planning on having an Air Pollution quiz on Thursday. However, if the press conferences go longer than expected, the quiz will be moved to next Monday. Check your child's planner for updated information.

Social Studies

We will continue our exploration discussion this week and begin to identify topics for our research project. Our field trip on Friday will provide an excellent curriculum connection with information on exploration and the use of sailing vessels through history.

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